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SUBJ: PRC ATTITUDES TOWARDS NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS GAVE LUNCHEON AUGUST 11 FOR VISITING CODELS EILBERG AND WOLFF. DURING COURSE OF LUNCH, WOLFF LAUNCHED DISCUSSION CONCERNING PRC ATTITUDES TOWARDS NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. IN REPLY, MARCOS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH MEETING WHICH HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, KOHOY ROMUALDEZ, HAD WITH CHOU EN-LAI IN FEBRUARY 1972.

2. ACCORDING TO MARCOS, ROMUALDEZ HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE IN RAISING WITH CHOU BOTH THE QUESTION OF U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES AND THE U.S. - PHILIPPINES SECURITY TREATY. HE MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF TELLING ME THAT CHOU HAD INFORMED ROMUALDEZ THAT HE SHOULD ADVISE MARCOS NOT RPT NOT TO BE HASTY IN SEEKING REVISION OF SECURITY AGREEMENT OR ELIMINATION OF BASES. I SAID WE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHOU HAD GIVEN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR ADVICE TO TANAKA OF JAPAN.

3. COMMENT: I AM INFORMED THAT MARCOS MAY NOT BE THE MOST ACCURATE REPORTER OF CONVERSATIONS AND THAT ROMUALDEZ MAY NOT BE THE MOST ACCURATE REPORTER OF HIS OWN INTERVIEWS. NEVERTHELESS, I REPORT THIS BOTH BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD THIS PARTICULAR TIDBIT AND ALSO BECAUSE MARCOS HIMSELF SEEMS CONVINCED THAT IT REPRESENTS

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